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Simon Bar Cocheba, claiming to be the long-expected Messiah, raised an army of 200,000 Jews in open rebellion against Roman sovereignty. Bar Cocheba based his claim on this:

"....there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel..." (Num. 24:17)

He was impostor enough to apply Balaam's prophecy to himself.

He delighted in having the Roman coins restruck. Right on top of Roman emperor portraits, of Roman gods, and of Roman symbols, went new Jewish designs. We can well understand when we are searching for the two kinds of large silvers received by Judas and by the guards at the tomb, why we have such difficulty in getting a tetradrachm of Antioch. That coin had the portrait of Augustus on its obverse. They were overstruck. Not many Roman originals are to be found, because they were changed - on the obverse went a picture of the entrance to the Holy of Holies, and above it a star. The reverse, too, was overstruck; the new design was a lulab and citrons such as were carried by faithful Jews in their Feast of Tabernacles. Smaller coins, too, were over-struck -- the silver denarius of Hadrian with his image on the obverse and Justice with her scales on the reverse. Small coppers, too, were over-struck. Sometimes the overstriking was so hurriedly and poorly done that we can discern the old Roman figures beneath the new Jewish ones.

For a time Simon Bar Cocheba seemed to be succeeding. But after three and a half years of struggle, 500,000 Jews had lost their lives, and all that remained in 135 A.D. were driven out of their homeland. Death penalty was set for any Jew who dared enter the Holy City. Scattered to the ends of the earth, they never lost their identity among other peoples, however much oppressed. Their sad condition, as at the time of the Babylonian captivity, was but another confirmation of the



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THE SECOND REVOLT (continued)

prophecy of Moses - that pathetic warning given to his people while the great law-giver was leading them on their forty-year trek from Egypt to the Promised Land:

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God ... that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good ... so the Lord will bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other ... And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart ... and sorrow of mind; and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and thou shalt have none assurance of thy life; in the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning; for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see." (Deu. 28:63-67)

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Nerva was the last Emperor of the New Testament years. His reign was short - only sixteen months and nine days. It is dated 96-98. He died of a fever.

Back in 33, in the days of Tiberius Caesar, is the story of the Tribute Penny -- the denarius which numismatists tell us is most in demand of all ancient coins. Its story is told in Mat. 22: 15-22. The Pharisees, seeking some serious accusation against Jesus, tried to lead him into saying something against the Jewish tax or tribute, so they could report his criticism to Tiberius. They hoped

THE TRIBUTE PENNY SEQUEL (continued)

Tiberius would then give orders to put him to death. Their trap failed. The penny, because of their plot, bears the name "Tribute Penny."

The Jewish tribute continued to be paid for sixty-three more years, which was until Nerva, twelfth Roman emperor, went on the throne.

He was determined on a few fine measures. One was that out of fairness to the Jews, he would abolish that payment of Jewish tribute to Rome. He accomplished it and put out an Imperial First Bronze commemorating the event. That coin has on its obverse a portrait of Nerva and the Latin legend "Imp. Nerva. Caes. Aug. P.M. Tr. P. Cos. III P.P." Which amounts to this: "The Emperor Nerva, Caesar, Augustus, Chief Priest endowed with the Tribunitian Power, Consul for the Third Time, Father of His Country."

The reverse of this sesterce has a palm tree, symbol of Judaea, and the letters "S.C." (Senatus Consultum -- by Consent of the Senate). And it has the Latin legend "Fisci Judaici Calumniam Sublata" (The Removal of the Scandal of the Jewish Tax).

Another exceedingly worthy measure which Nerva determined upon, and accomplished and put out a sesterce in commemoration, was that Italy would feed its poor, there should be no hunger, especially no hungry child. On the obverse of that commemorative coin is Nerva's portrait, and on the reverse is a modius (measure) for grain. In the measure, standing like a bouquet of flowers, are several long stems of coin grain (barley).

Nerva's reign is also famed for his kindness to the early Christians. He liberated John from his banishment on the Island Patmos in the Aegean Sea. John was permitted to return to Ephesus where he continued his Christian labors the remainder of his life -- about four years, 96-100 A. D.

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A celebration was held at Vancouver on August 17, 1925, which lasted a week. The half-dollar has on obverse the bust of Dr. John McLoughlin, with his name below it. Above, "United States of America;" below, "Half Dollar." At left and right, separated by the bust, "1825-1925" - "In God We Trust."

The reverse has a full-length figure of a frontiersman with gun in his hands, the fort and a mountain peak in the background, all enclosed by a circle. Surrounding, between the circle and the edge, "Fort Vancouver Centennial, Vancouver, Washington, Founded by Hudson's Bay Company."

The model for this coin was made by Mrs. Laura G. Fraser, wife of James E. Fraser of New York City, designer of the Buffalo nickel. A feature of this issue was the transportation by airplane of the coins from the San Francisco Mint to Vancouver by Lt. Oakley G. Kelly, flight commander of Vancouver Barracks. He made the round trip in one day. His cargo of 50,000 coins weighed 1,462 pounds.

Another outstanding feature is the missing "s" mint-mark. Although coined at San Francisco, it is without mint-mark through some oversight. It is the first and only time in the history of our coinage that a branch mint failed to place its mark on the coin. This coin was issued at the request of the Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation of Vancouver, Washington.

50,028 were coined, of which 35,034 were remelted, leaving only 14,994 outstanding.

Some people seem to get the idea they are worth a lot of money just because they have it.